PATENT APPLICATION

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Examiner: E. Barnhart

For: METHOD FOR CULTURING CELLS IN ORDER TO PRODUCE SUBSTANCES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RCE WITH PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Nutley, New Jersey 07110 September 24, 2009

Mail Stop: Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and RCE are filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 5, 2009, in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request a two (2) month extension of time. With the extension of time, this Amendment is timely filed.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 5, 2009, Claims 16-27 stand pending. Claims 16-27 are herein canceled and Claims 28-29 are newly presented as reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows: